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During the period 16-30 June 1953, the following movements of Soviet naval vessels in the Gulf of Finland were observed:

- 17 June: At 1507, two Soviet patrol boats, in a direction 230 degrees from Kytös, southward bound, at a speed of about eight knots. Soon disappeared from sight.
- 17 June: At 1620, one S-class (medium) submarine, eastward bound, was observed south of the HELSINKI lightship. Disappeared from view in a cloud of smoke. Speed about 15 knots.
- 23 June: At 1225, one SVERDLOV-class cruiser and two SILNI-class destroyers passed south of the HELSINKI lightship on their way west. The ships disappeared from sight at 1243; their speed was about 18 knots.
- 23 June: At 1345, 12 130-ton Soviet minesweepers were seen practicing mine-sweeping, in a direction 270 degrees from Kytös. At 1400 the ships disappeared to the south; their speed was about eight knots.
- 23 June: At 1945, one D-class submarine, westward bound, was observed south of HELSINKI lightship. It was traveling at a speed of about ten knots, and disappeared quickly from sight.
- 25 June: Between 0914 and 1045, 12 130-ton minesweepers were engaged in minesweeping practice near the Porkkala area, speed about five knots. The vessels disappeared to the west.
- 27 June: At 0507, two Soviet 130-ton minesweepers (numbers 537 and 544 ?) crossed the Porkkala area's eastern boundary on their way eastward. They used the customary inner island route and disappeared from sight about 300 degrees to the east at 1315.

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- 27 June: At 1255, five 130-ton minesweepers, south of the leased area, on sweeping duty, traveling at a speed of about five knots. The ships disappeared to the north.
- 27 June: At 1658, one Soviet destroyer, southeast of the ~~KALLB~~<sup>KALLB</sup>~~ADAGRUND~~ lightship, on its way west. At 1706 the ship turned eastward and disappeared from view in the smoke and haze. Speed about 12 knots.
- 28 June: At 0950, seven minesweepers, in a direction 220 degrees from Kytö, on their way east. Speed about six knots.
- 30 June: At 0310, one unknown warship, traveling at a speed of about nine knots, was sighted south of the HELSINKI lightship on its way to the east; it soon passed from sight.
- 30 June: At 0645, heavy cannonading in a direction 242 degrees from Kytö (part of the leased area).
- 30 June: At 1535, two 130-ton minesweepers, traveling at a speed of about 15 knots, were sighted about five nautical miles southeast of the HELSINKI lightship on their way west.

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